

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CANNED BONED POULTRY PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-290 for canned boned poultry for use in domestic food nutrition programs has re-opened.

As announced by the Department on April 15, purchases of canned boned chicken produced from light fowl meat will create a much needed market for light spent fowl meat, which is produced from egg-type laying hens. Egg producers have been unable to dispose of egg laying hens in sufficient numbers because fowl processors cannot increase normal markets for fowl meat. Product must be produced under the Commodity Specification for Canned Boned Poultry dated July 2004, however; the canned chicken must be produced from light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) meat.

Offers will be invited from the trade for canned boned poultry in 29-ounce (822 g) cans, packed 24 cans to a shipping container with 43.5 pounds (19.73 kg) net weight in purchase units of 36,540 pounds (16,574 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 9, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, May 2, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, May 6, for product to be delivered from June 16 to June 30.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-290, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for Canned Boned Poultry dated July 2004.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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